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Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. McCONNELL, Mr. SIMON, Mr. MACK, Mr. BOND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. REID, Mr. INHOFE, and Ms. SNOWE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Mercury-Containing  
5       and Rechargeable Battery Management Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       *The Congress finds that—*

8               (1) it is in the public interest to—

9                       (A) phase out the use of mercury in bat-  
10                      teries and provide for the efficient and cost-ef-  
11                      fective collection and recycling or proper dis-  
12                      posal of used nickel cadmium batteries, small  
13                      sealed lead-acid batteries, and other regulated  
14                      batteries; and

15                     (B) educate the public concerning the col-  
16                      lection, recycling, and proper disposal of such  
17                      batteries;

18               (2) uniform national labeling requirements for  
19               regulated batteries, rechargeable consumer products,  
20               and product packaging will significantly benefit pro-  
21               grams for regulated battery collection and recycling  
22               or proper disposal; and

23               (3) it is in the public interest to encourage per-  
24               sons who use rechargeable batteries to participate in

1 collection for recycling of used nickel-cadmium,  
2 small sealed lead-acid, and other regulated batteries.

3 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

4 ~~In~~ *For purposes of this Act:*

5 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-  
6 trator” means the Administrator of the Environ-  
7 mental Protection Agency.

8 (2) BUTTON CELL.—The term “button cell”  
9 means a button- or coin-shaped battery.

10 (3) EASILY REMOVABLE.—The term “easily re-  
11 movable”, with respect to a battery, means detach-  
12 able or removable at the end of the life of the bat-  
13 tery—

14 (A) from a consumer product by a  
15 consumer with the use of common household  
16 tools; or

17 (B) by a retailer of replacements for a bat-  
18 tery used as the principal electrical power  
19 source for a vehicle.

20 (4) MERCURIC-OXIDE BATTERY.—The term  
21 “mercuric-oxide battery” means a battery that uses  
22 a mercuric-oxide electrode.

23 (5) RECHARGEABLE BATTERY.—The term “re-  
24 chargeable battery”—

1 (A) means 1 or more voltaic or galvanic  
2 cells, electrically connected to produce electric  
3 energy, that is designed to be recharged for re-  
4 peated uses; and

5 (B) includes any type of enclosed device or  
6 sealed container consisting of 1 or more such  
7 cells, including what is commonly called a bat-  
8 tery pack (and in the case of a battery pack, for  
9 the purposes of the requirements of easy remov-  
10 ability and labeling under section 103, means  
11 the battery pack as a whole rather than each  
12 component individually); but

13 (C) does not include—

14 (i) a lead-acid battery used to start an  
15 internal combustion engine or as the prin-  
16 cipal electrical power source for a vehicle,  
17 such as an automobile, a truck, construc-  
18 tion equipment, a motorcycle, a garden  
19 tractor, a golf cart, a wheelchair, or a boat;

20 (ii) a lead-acid battery used for load  
21 leveling or for storage of electricity gen-  
22 erated by an alternative energy source,  
23 such as a solar cell or wind-driven genera-  
24 tor;

1 (iii) a battery used as a backup power  
2 source for memory or program instruction  
3 storage, timekeeping, or any similar pur-  
4 pose that requires uninterrupted electrical  
5 power in order to function if the primary  
6 energy supply fails or fluctuates momen-  
7 tarily; or

8 (iv) a rechargeable alkaline battery.

9 (6) RECHARGEABLE CONSUMER PRODUCT.—

10 The term “rechargeable consumer product”—

11 (A) means a product that, when sold at re-  
12 tail, includes a regulated battery as a primary  
13 energy supply, and that is primarily intended  
14 for personal or household use; but

15 (B) does not include a product that only  
16 uses a battery solely as a source of backup  
17 power for memory or program instruction stor-  
18 age, timekeeping, or any similar purpose that  
19 requires uninterrupted electrical power in order  
20 to function if the primary energy supply fails or  
21 fluctuates momentarily.

22 (7) REGULATED BATTERY.—The term “regu-  
23 lated battery” means a rechargeable battery that—

1 (A) contains a cadmium or a lead electrode  
2 or any combination of cadmium and lead elec-  
3 trodes; or

4 (B) contains other electrode chemistries  
5 and is the subject of a determination by the Ad-  
6 ministrator under section 103(d).

7 (8) REMANUFACTURED PRODUCT.—The term  
8 “remanufactured product” means a rechargeable  
9 consumer product that has been altered by the re-  
10 placement of parts, repackaged, or repaired after  
11 initial sale by the original manufacturer.

12 **SEC. 4. INFORMATION DISSEMINATION.**

13 The Administrator shall, in consultation with rep-  
14 resentatives of rechargeable battery manufacturers, re-  
15 chargeable consumer product manufacturers, and retail-  
16 ers, establish a program to provide information to the pub-  
17 lic concerning the proper handling and disposal of used  
18 regulated batteries and rechargeable consumer products  
19 with nonremovable batteries.

20 **SEC. 5. ENFORCEMENT.**

21 (a) CIVIL PENALTY.—When on the basis of any infor-  
22 mation the Administrator determines that a person has  
23 violated or is in violation of any requirement of this Act,  
24 the Administrator—

1           (1) in the case of a willful violation, may issue  
2           an order assessing a civil penalty of not more than  
3           \$10,000 for each violation and requiring compliance  
4           immediately or within a reasonable specified time pe-  
5           riod, or both; or

6           (2) in the case of any violation, may commence  
7           a civil action in the United States district court in  
8           the district in which the violation occurred for ap-  
9           propriate relief, including a temporary or permanent  
10          injunction.

11          (b) CONTENTS OF ORDER.—An order under sub-  
12          section (a)(1) shall state with reasonable specificity the  
13          nature of the violation.

14          (c) CONSIDERATIONS.—In assessing a civil penalty  
15          under subsection (a)(1), the Administrator shall take into  
16          account the seriousness of the violation and any good faith  
17          efforts to comply with applicable requirements.

18          (d) FINALITY OF ORDER; REQUEST FOR HEARING.—  
19          An order under subsection (a)(1) shall become final un-  
20          less, not later than 30 days after the order is served, a  
21          person named in the order requests a hearing on the  
22          record.

23          (e) HEARING.—On receiving a request under sub-  
24          section (d), the Administrator shall promptly conduct a  
25          hearing on the record.



1 (f) SUBPOENA POWER.—In connection with any  
 2 hearing on the record under this section, the Adminis-  
 3 trator may issue subpoenas for the attendance and testi-  
 4 mony of witnesses and for the production of relevant pa-  
 5 pers, books, and documents.

6 (g) CONTINUED VIOLATION AFTER EXPIRATION OF  
 7 PERIOD FOR COMPLIANCE.—If a violator fails to take cor-  
 8 rective action within the time specified in an order under  
 9 subsection (a)(1), the Administrator may assess a civil  
 10 penalty of not more than \$10,000 for the continued non-  
 11 compliance with the order.

12 (h) SAVINGS PROVISIONS.—*The Administrator may*  
 13 *not take any enforcement action against a person for sell-*  
 14 *ing, offering for sale, or offering for promotional purposes*  
 15 *to the final consumer a battery or product governed by this*  
 16 *Act that was—*

- 17 (1) *purchased ready for final sale; and*  
 18 (2) *sold, offered for sale, or offered for pro-*  
 19 *motional purposes without modification.*

20 **SEC. 6. INFORMATION GATHERING AND ACCESS.**

21 (a) RECORDS AND REPORTS.—A person who is re-  
 22 quired to carry out the objectives of this Act, including—  
 23 (1) a regulated battery manufacturer;  
 24 (2) a rechargeable consumer product manufac-  
 25 turer;

1           (3) a mercury-containing battery manufacturer;  
2       and

3           (4) an authorized agent of a person described  
4       in ~~subparagraph (A), (B), or (C)~~ *paragraph (1), (2),*  
5       *or (3),*

6 shall establish and maintain such records and report such  
7 information as the Administrator may by regulation rea-  
8 sonably require to carry out the objectives of this Act.

9       (b) ACCESS AND COPYING.—The Administrator or  
10 the Administrator’s authorized representative, on presen-  
11 tation of credentials of the Administrator, may at reason-  
12 able times have access to and copy any records required  
13 to be maintained under subsection (a).

14       (c) CONFIDENTIALITY.—The Administrator shall  
15 maintain the confidentiality of documents and records that  
16 contain proprietary information.

17 **SEC. 7. STATE AUTHORITY.**

18       Except as provided in sections 103(e) and 104, noth-  
19 ing in this Act shall be construed to prohibit a State from  
20 enacting and enforcing a standard or requirement that is  
21 more stringent than a standard or requirement established  
22 or promulgated under this Act.

23 **SEC. 8. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

24       There are authorized to be appropriated such sums  
25 as are necessary to carry out this Act.

1       **TITLE I—RECHARGEABLE**  
2       **BATTERY RECYCLING ACT**

3   **SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This title may be cited as the “Rechargeable Battery  
5   Recycling Act”.

6   **SEC. 102. PURPOSE.**

7       The purpose of this title is to facilitate the efficient  
8   recycling or proper disposal of used nickel-cadmium re-  
9   chargeable batteries, used small sealed lead-acid recharge-  
10   able batteries, other regulated batteries, and such re-  
11   chargeable batteries in used consumer products, by—

12           (1) providing for uniform labeling requirements  
13       and streamlined regulatory requirements for regu-  
14       lated battery collection programs; and

15           (2) encouraging voluntary industry programs by  
16       eliminating barriers to funding the collection and  
17       recycling or proper disposal of used rechargeable  
18       batteries.

19   **SEC. 103. RECHARGEABLE CONSUMER PRODUCTS AND**  
20       **LABELING.**

21       (a) PROHIBITION.—

22           (1) IN GENERAL.—No person shall sell for use  
23       in the United States a regulated battery that is  
24       ready for retail sale or a rechargeable consumer  
25       product that is ready for retail sale, ~~which~~ *if the bat-*

1     ~~tery or product~~ was manufactured on or after the  
 2     date that is 12 months after the date of enactment  
 3     of this Act, ~~unless—~~

4             ~~(A) in the case of a regulated battery, the~~  
 5     regulated battery—

6                 ~~(i) is easily removable from the re-~~  
 7     chargeable consumer product; or

8                 ~~(ii) is sold separately; and~~

9             ~~(B) in the case of a regulated battery or~~  
 10    rechargeable consumer product, the labeling re-  
 11    quirements of subsection ~~(b)~~ are met.

12    ~~unless the labeling requirements of subsection (b) are~~  
 13    ~~met and, in the case of a regulated battery, the regu-~~  
 14    ~~lated battery—~~

15                ~~(A) is easily removable from the recharge-~~  
 16    able consumer product; or

17                ~~(B) is sold separately.~~

18             (2) APPLICATION.—Paragraph (1) does not  
 19    apply to a sale ~~of~~ *any of the following:*

20                (A) *The sale of* a remanufactured product  
 21    unit unless paragraph (1) applied to the sale of  
 22    the unit when originally manufactured; ~~or~~ .

23                (B) *The sale of* a product unit intended for  
 24    export purposes only.

1 (b) LABELING.—Each regulated battery or recharge-  
 2 able consumer product without an easily removable battery  
 3 manufactured on or after the date that is 1 year after  
 4 the date of enactment of this Act, whether produced do-  
 5 mestically or imported, shall ~~be labeled with~~— *bear the*  
 6 *following labels:*

7 (1)~~(A)~~ 3 chasing arrows or a comparable recy-  
 8 cling symbol; .

9 ~~(B)(i)~~ on each nickel-cadmium battery, the  
 10 chemical name or the abbreviation “Ni-Cd”; and

11 ~~(ii)~~ on each lead-acid battery, “Pb” or the  
 12 words “LEAD”, “RETURN”, and “RECYCLE”;

13 ~~(C)~~ on each nickel-cadmium regulated battery,  
 14 the phrase “BATTERY MUST BE RECYCLED  
 15 OR DISPOSED OF PROPERLY.”; and

16 ~~(D)~~ on each sealed lead acid regulated battery,  
 17 the phrase “BATTERY MUST BE RECYCLED.”;

18 (2)(A) *On each regulated battery that is a nick-*  
 19 *el-cadmium battery, the chemical name or the abbre-*  
 20 *viation “Ni-Cd” and the phrase “BATTERY MUST*  
 21 *BE RECYCLED OR DISPOSED OF PROPERLY.”.*

22 (B) *On each regulated battery that is a lead-acid*  
 23 *batters, “Pb” or the words “LEAD”, “RETURN”,*  
 24 *and “RECYCLE” and if the regulated battery is*

1     sealed, the phrase “BATTERY MUST BE RECY-  
2     CLED.”.

3           ~~(2) on~~ (3) On each rechargeable consumer prod-  
4     uct containing a regulated battery that is not easily  
5     removable, the phrase “CONTAINS NICKEL-CAD-  
6     MIUM BATTERY. BATTERY MUST BE RECY-  
7     CLED OR DISPOSED OF PROPERLY.” or  
8     “CONTAINS SEALED LEAD BATTERY. BAT-  
9     TERY MUST BE RECYCLED.”, as applicable;  
10    and .

11          ~~(3) on~~ (4) On the packaging of each recharge-  
12     able consumer product, and the packaging of each  
13     regulated battery sold separately from such a prod-  
14     uct, unless the required label is clearly visible  
15     through the packaging, the phrase “CONTAINS  
16     NICKEL-CADMIUM BATTERY. BATTERY  
17     MUST BE RECYCLED OR DISPOSED OF  
18     PROPERLY.” or “CONTAINS SEALED LEAD  
19     BATTERY. BATTERY MUST BE RECYCLED.”,  
20     as applicable.

21     (c) EXISTING OR ALTERNATIVE LABELING.—

22           (1) INITIAL PERIOD.—For a period of 2 years  
23     after the date of enactment of this Act, regulated  
24     batteries, rechargeable consumer products containing  
25     regulated batteries, and rechargeable consumer

1 product packages that are labeled in substantial  
2 compliance with subsection (b) shall be deemed to  
3 comply with the labeling requirements of subsection  
4 (b).

5 (2) CERTIFICATION.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—On application by per-  
7 sons subject to the labeling requirements of  
8 subsection (b) or the labeling requirements pro-  
9 mulgated by the Administrator under sub-  
10 section (d), the Administrator shall certify that  
11 a different label meets the requirements of sub-  
12 section (b) or (d), respectively, if the different  
13 label—

14 (i) conveys the same information as  
15 the label required under subsection (b) or  
16 (d), respectively; or

17 (ii) conforms with a recognized inter-  
18 national standard that is consistent with  
19 the overall purposes of this title.

20 (B) CONSTRUCTIVE CERTIFICATION.—

21 Failure of the Administrator to object to an ap-  
22 plication under subparagraph (A) on the  
23 ground that a different label does not meet ei-  
24 ther of the conditions described in subpara-  
25 graph (A) (i) or (ii) within 120 days after the

1 date on which the application is made shall con-  
2 stitute certification for the purposes of this Act.

3 (d) RULEMAKING AUTHORITY OF THE ADMINIS-  
4 TRATOR.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—If the Administrator deter-  
6 mines that other rechargeable batteries having elec-  
7 trode chemistries different from regulated batteries  
8 are toxic and may cause substantial harm to human  
9 health and the environment if discarded into the  
10 solid waste stream for land disposal or incineration,  
11 the Administrator may, with the advice and counsel  
12 of State regulatory authorities and manufacturers of  
13 rechargeable batteries and rechargeable consumer  
14 products, and after public comment—

15 (A) promulgate labeling requirements for  
16 the batteries with different electrode chem-  
17 istries, rechargeable consumer products contain-  
18 ing such batteries that are not easily removable  
19 batteries, and packaging for the batteries and  
20 products; and

21 (B) promulgate requirements for easy re-  
22 movability of regulated batteries from recharge-  
23 able consumer products designed to contain  
24 such batteries.



1           (2) SUBSTANTIAL SIMILARITY.—The regula-  
2       tions promulgated under paragraph (1) shall be sub-  
3       stantially similar to the requirements set forth in  
4       subsections (a) and (b).

5       (e) UNIFORMITY.—After the effective dates of a re-  
6       quirement set forth in subsection (a), (b), or (c) or a regu-  
7       lation promulgated by the Administrator under subsection  
8       (d), no Federal agency, State, or political subdivision of  
9       a State may enforce any easy removability or environ-  
10      mental labeling requirement for a rechargeable battery or  
11      rechargeable consumer product that is not identical to the  
12      requirement or regulation.

13      (f) EXEMPTIONS.—

14           (1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to any re-  
15      chargeable consumer product, any person may sub-  
16      mit an application to the Administrator for an ex-  
17      emption from the requirements of subsection (a) in  
18      accordance with the procedures under paragraph  
19      (2). The application shall include the following infor-  
20      mation:

21           (A) A statement of the specific basis for  
22      the request for the exemption.

23           (B) The name, business address, and tele-  
24      phone number of the applicant.

1           (2) GRANTING OF EXEMPTION.—Not later than  
2       60 days after receipt of an application under para-  
3       graph (1), the Administrator shall approve or deny  
4       the application. On approval of the application the  
5       Administrator shall grant an exemption to the appli-  
6       cant. The exemption shall be issued for a period of  
7       time that the Administrator determines to be appro-  
8       priate, except that the period shall not exceed 2  
9       years. The Administrator shall grant an exemption  
10      on the basis of evidence supplied to the Adminis-  
11      trator that the manufacturer has been unable to  
12      commence manufacturing the rechargeable consumer  
13      product in compliance with the requirements of this  
14      section and with an equivalent level of product per-  
15      formance without the product—

16                   (A) posing a threat to human health, safe-  
17                   ty, or the environment; or

18                   (B) violating requirements for approvals  
19                   from governmental agencies or widely recog-  
20                   nized private standard-setting organizations (in-  
21                   cluding Underwriters Laboratories).

22           (3) RENEWAL OF EXEMPTION.—A person  
23       granted an exemption under paragraph (2) may  
24       apply for a renewal of the exemption in accordance  
25       with the requirements and procedures described in

1 paragraphs (1) and (2). The Administrator may  
 2 grant a renewal of such an exemption for a period  
 3 of not more than 2 years after the date of the grant-  
 4 ing of the renewal.

5 **SEC. 104. REQUIREMENTS.**

6 For the purposes of carrying out the collection, stor-  
 7 age, transportation, and recycling or proper disposal of  
 8 used rechargeable batteries, batteries described in section  
 9 ~~3(3)(C)~~ 3(5)(C) or in title II, and used rechargeable  
 10 consumer products containing rechargeable batteries that  
 11 are not easily removable rechargeable batteries, persons  
 12 involved in collecting, storing, or transporting such bat-  
 13 teries or products to a facility for recycling or proper dis-  
 14 posal shall, notwithstanding any other law, be regulated  
 15 in the same manner and with the same limitations as if  
 16 the persons were collecting, storing, or transporting bat-  
 17 teries subject to subpart G of part 266 of title 40, Code  
 18 of Federal Regulations, as in effect on January 1, 1993,  
 19 except that sections 264.76, 265.76, and 268.7 of that  
 20 title shall not apply *spent lead acid batteries that are recy-  
 21 clable materials subject to regulations of the Environmental  
 22 Protection Agency under subpart G of part 266 of title 40,  
 23 Code of Federal Regulations, as in effect on January 1,  
 24 1995, except that the requirements of title 40 relating to  
 25 unmanifested waste reports (40 CFR 264.76 and 265.76)*

1 *and to waste analysis and recordkeeping (40 CFR 268.7)*  
2 *shall not apply.*

3 **SEC. 105. COOPERATIVE EFFORTS.**

4       Notwithstanding any other law, if 2 or more persons  
5 who participate in projects or programs to collect and  
6 properly manage used rechargeable batteries or products  
7 powered by rechargeable batteries advise the Adminis-  
8 trator of their intent, the persons may agree to develop  
9 jointly, or to share in the costs of participating in, such  
10 a project or program and to examine and rely on such  
11 cost information as is collected during the project or pro-  
12 gram.

13 **TITLE       II—MERCURY-CONTAIN-**  
14 **ING BATTERY MANAGEMENT**  
15 **ACT**

16 **SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE.**

17       This title may be cited as the “Mercury-Containing  
18 Battery Management Act”.

19 **SEC. 202. PURPOSE.**

20       The purpose of this title is to phase out the use of  
21 batteries containing mercury.

22 **SEC. 203. LIMITATIONS ON THE SALE OF ALKALINE-MAN-**  
23 **GANESE BATTERIES CONTAINING MERCURY.**

24       No person shall sell, offer for sale, or offer for pro-  
25 motional purposes any alkaline-manganese battery manu-

1 factured on or after January 1, 1996, with a mercury con-  
2 tent that was intentionally introduced (as distinguished  
3 from mercury that may be incidentally present in other  
4 materials), except that the limitation on mercury content  
5 in alkaline-manganese button cells shall be 25 milligrams  
6 of mercury per button cell.

7 **SEC. 204. LIMITATIONS ON THE SALE OF ZINC-CARBON**  
8 **BATTERIES CONTAINING MERCURY.**

9 No person shall sell, offer for sale, or offer for pro-  
10 motional purposes any zinc-carbon battery manufactured  
11 on or after January 1, 1996, that contains mercury that  
12 was intentionally introduced as described in section 203.

13 **SEC. 205. LIMITATIONS ON THE SALE OF BUTTON CELL**  
14 **MERCURIC-OXIDE BATTERIES.**

15 No person shall sell, offer for sale, or offer for pro-  
16 motional purposes any button cell mercuric-oxide battery  
17 for use in the United States on or after January 1, 1996.

18 **SEC. 206. LIMITATIONS ON THE SALE OF OTHER MER-**  
19 **CURIC-OXIDE BATTERIES.**

20 (a) PROHIBITION.—On or after January 1, 1996, no  
21 person shall sell, offer for sale, or offer for promotional  
22 purposes a mercuric-oxide battery for use in the United  
23 States unless the battery manufacturer—

24 (1) identifies a collection site that has all re-  
25 quired Federal, State, and local government approv-

1       als, to which persons may send used mercuric-oxide  
2       batteries for recycling or proper disposal;

3           (2) informs each of its purchasers of mercuric-  
4       oxide batteries of the collection site identified under  
5       paragraph (1); and

6           (3) informs each of its purchasers of mercuric-  
7       oxide batteries of a telephone number that the pur-  
8       chaser may call to get information about sending  
9       mercuric-oxide batteries for recycling or proper dis-  
10      posal.

11      (b) APPLICATION OF SECTION.—This section does  
12      not apply to a sale or offer of a mercuric-oxide button  
13      cell battery.

14      **SEC. 207. NEW PRODUCT OR USE.**

15      On petition of a person that proposes a new use for  
16      a battery technology described in this title or the use of  
17      a battery described in this title in a new product, the Ad-  
18      ministrators may exempt from this title the new use of the  
19      technology or *the* use of *such a* battery in the new product  
20      on the condition, if appropriate, that there exist reason-  
21      able safeguards to ensure that the resulting battery or  
22      product without an easily removable battery will not be  
23      disposed of in an incinerator, composting facility, or land-  
24      fill (other than a facility regulated under subtitle C of the  
25      Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C. 6291 et seq.)).

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